

*Akin was 1 of 45 Members of Congress to earn award based on support for economic growth and freedom*

Washington, D.C. -- The Club for Growth, a leading free-market advocacy organization, announced the Congressman Todd Akin has earned the annual *Defender of Economic Freedom* award. The award honors Members of Congress who have a strong, consistent voting record on economic growth issues. Akin was one of 11 U.S. Senators and 34 U.S. Congressmen to receive the award this year.

With his score of 94% and a lifetime score of 92% Congressman Todd Akin has demonstrated that he is truly a defender of economic freedom,” said Club for Growth President Chris Chocola. “The Club for Growth values Members of Congress who vote based on principle for pro-growth policies that will restore America. The people of the second Congressional District are lucky to have Akin fighting for them in Congress.”

To see how all Members of Congress did in the Club’s 2011 Scorecard, visit [www.ClubforGrowth.org/projects](http://www.ClubforGrowth.org/projects)

Club for Growth publishes an annual scorecard so Club members and the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Members of Congress on economic growth issues. The Club conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker's record on pro-growth policies and computed a score on a scale of 0 to 100. Congressman Akin received a score of 94%. The rating examines legislative actions that affect our immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Lower marginal income tax rates
- Cutting and limiting government spending
- Death Tax Repeal
- Expanding free trade
- Legal reform to end abusive lawsuits
- Replacing the current tax code
- School Choice
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Reform entitlements to increase economic freedom and ensure that long-term federal spending is financially sustainable

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